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Atty. Dkt. No. 036163-0103

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michel H. Malek

Title: SPINE STABILIZATION SYSTEMS

Appl. No.: 10/722,119

Filing Date: 11/25/2003

Examiner: David C. Comstock

Art Unit: 3733

Confirmation 4839

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Michelle Manning	
(Printed Name)	
(Signature)	
June 12, 2006	
(Date of Deposit)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims		Extra				Additional Claims Fee	
	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Claims		Rate			
			Present					
Total Claims:	44	-	40	=	4	x \$50.00 =	\$200.00	
Independent Claims:	5	-	5	=	0	x \$200.00 =	\$0.00	

First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
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CLAIMS FEE TOTAL	=	\$200.00
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[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

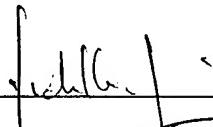
[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$200.00
[X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$100.00
Extension Fees Previously Paid:		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$100.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2350 in the amount of \$100.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Michelle Manning
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Registration No. 50,592

Date June 12, 2006

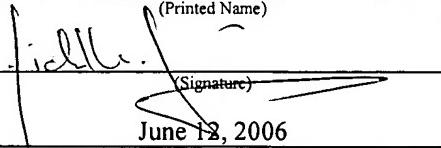
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: